

Order of Service Barthol Chapel and Tarves

Remembrance Sunday 12 November 2023 10.00am



Image by Rev Fred Coutts

Welcome and Call to Worship

In times of peace
and times of war:
you are our constant.

In the noise
and in the silence:
you are our comfort.

When all is change
and we fear to lose our way:
you are our compass.

**Ever-faithful God,
we worship you.**

Praise CH4 36 God is our refuge and our strength

God is our refuge and our strength,
in straits a present aid;
therefore, although the earth be moved
we will not be afraid:

Though hills amidst the seas be cast;
though waters roaring make,
and troubled be; yea, though the hills
by swelling seas do shake.

A river is, whose streams make glad
the city of our God;
the holy place, wherein the Lord
most high has his abode.

God in the midst of her doth dwell;
nothing shall her remove;
The Lord to her an helper will,
and that right early, prove.

Prayer of Approach and Lord's Prayer

Introduction to Act of Remembrance

Praise CH4 14 The Lord's my shepherd (*Stuart Townend version*)

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
his goodness restores my soul.
*And I will trust in you alone,
and I will trust in you alone,*

*for your endless mercy follows me,
your goodness will lead me home.*

He guides my ways in righteousness,
and he anoints my head with oil,
and my cup, it overflows with joy,

I feast on his pure delights.

And though I walk the darkest path,

I will not fear the evil one,

for you are with me, and your rod and staff
are the comfort I need to know.

Act of Remembrance

Roll of honour read by Brownies

The Tryst

They shall not grow old
As we that are left grow old
Age shall not weary them
Nor the years condemn

At the going down of the sun
And in the morning
We will remember them.

ALL: We will remember them

Last Post

Silence

Reveille

Prayer

**In memory of those who died
May we be better men, women and children
And in gratitude to God
May we live
As those who are not their own
But whose freedom has been bought
With a price. Amen**

The National Anthem God Save the King v1

The Word of God: Micah 4:1-4

⁴In days to come

*the mountain of the LORD's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised up above the hills.*

Peoples shall stream to it,

² and many nations shall come and say:

*'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.'*

*For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.*

*³ He shall judge between many peoples,
and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away;*

*they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;*

*nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more;*

⁴ but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees,

*and no one shall make them afraid;
for the mouth of the LORD of hosts has spoken.*

Reflection with sung response CH4 What shall we pray?

What shall we pray for those who died,
Those on whose death our lives relied
Silenced by war but not denied,
God give them peace.

What shall we pray for those who mourn
Friendship and love, their fruit unborn?
Though years have passed, hearts still
are torn
God give them peace

What shall we pray for those who live
Tied to the past they can't forgive,

Haunted by terrors they relive
God give them peace

What shall we pray for those who fear
War, in some guise, may reappear
Looking attractive and sincere?
God give them peace.

God give us peace, and more than this,
Show us the path where justice is;
And let us never be remiss
Working for peace that lasts.

Litany for Remembrance Sunday (please stand)

Leader It is not true that this world and its people are doomed to suffer, to die and be lost.
For this is true...

**All God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone
who believes in Him, may not die but have eternal life.**

Leader It is not true that we must accept inhumanity and discrimination, hunger and
poverty, death and destruction as inevitable in life. For Jesus said....

All I have come that you might have life – life in all its fullness.

Leader It is not true that violence and hatred should have the last word, and war and
destruction have come to stay forever.

**All For unto us a child is born, and unto us a Son is given, and the government
shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful,
Counsellor, Mighty God, the Eternal Father, the Prince of Peace.**

Leader It is not true that we are simply victims of the powers of evil who seek to rule the
world. For Jesus said.

**All To me is given all authority in heaven and on earth, and lo, I am with you
always, even to the end of the world.**

For Jesus Christ is the Light of the World

He is the Way

He is the Truth

He is the Life

He is Lord of All

Praise CH4 710 I have a dream a man once said

"I have a dream", a man once said,
"where all is perfect peace;

Where men and women, black and white,
stand hand in hand, and all unite

in freedom and in love”.

But in this world of bitter strife
the dream can often fade;
Reality seems dark as night,
we catch but glimpses of the light
Christ sheds on humankind.

Fierce persecution, war, and hate
are raging everywhere;
God calls us now to pay the price
through struggles and through sacrifice
of standing for the right.

So dream the dreams and sing the songs,
but never be content;
For thoughts and words don't ease the
pain:
unless there's action, all is vain;
Faith proves itself in deeds.

Lord, give us vision, make us strong,
help us to do your will;
don't let us rest until we see
your love throughout humanity
uniting us in peace.

The Word of God: Revelation 22:1-5

22 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

Growing peace – time for personal reflection

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Dedication and Intercession

Sung Response: CH4 782 v1 Lord of life, we come to you
Lord of all, our Saviour be
Come to bless and to heal
With the light of your love.

Praise CH4 706 For the healing of the nations

For the healing of the nations,
Lord, we pray with one accord;
For a just and equal sharing
of the things that earth affords.
To a life of love in action
help us rise and pledge our word.

All that kills abundant living,
let it from the earth be banned;
Pride of status, race, or schooling,
dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice
may we hollow life's brief span.

Lead us forward into freedom,
from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred,
all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness
fear will die and hope increase.

You, Creator-God, have written
your great name on humankind;
For our growing in your likeness
bring the life of Christ to mind;
That by our response and service
earth it's destiny may find.

Benediction

After the Benediction the congregation will proceed to the war memorial for the laying of the wreaths.

After the wreath-laying hot drinks and snacks will be served in the Church

Act of Remembrance Barthol Chapel

There will be an Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial in Barthol Chapel at 11.30am

Notices

Union Barthol Chapel, Tarves, Udney and Pitmedden to form Formartine Parish Church

All three congregations have now voted unanimously in favour of the Union as of 1 January and all the other necessary approvals are now in place.

Worship Arrangements

Barthol Chapel and Tarves will have united morning worship services at Tarves at 10.00am. This service will normally be accessible on Zoom.

Tarves Kirk Session meet in the vestry after worship on Sunday 19 November to deal with a few outstanding items of business.

Sunday 26 November – joint service with Pitmedden at Tarves followed by coffee and social time. Donations of baking gratefully received.

Tarves Tuesday Coffee Mornings 10.00 – 11.00am. All welcome.

Tarves Tots Thursday mornings 9.30-11.00am

Pastoral Care: Please contact Alison Swindells 01651 851295

Tarves Kirk Cards/Notelets are available – bundles of 12 for a suggested donation of £5.00. All proceeds to Youth Hall Refurbishment.